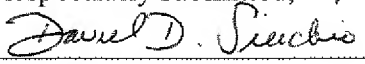


REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Christopher Brown for discussing the subject application with the undersigned attorney on February 18, 2008. During the telephone conference, Examiner Brown informed the Applicants' attorney that the indication in the Final Office Action that the Declaration of Prior Invention under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 filed as part of the Applicants' response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2007 (herein the "Declaration") was insufficient was made in error. The Examiner noted that the Declaration was in fact sufficient to establish conception and diligence prior to the effective date of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0015490 (herein "Saare et al."). Examiner Brown further indicated that the Declaration was reviewed by a § 1.131 Declaration specialist and that the specialist confirmed that the Declaration was sufficient to disqualify Saare et al. as a prior art reference.

Examiner Brown confirmed that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections based on Saare et al. will be withdrawn. Since no further rejection is asserted against the pending claims, Applicants respectfully request that Claims 1-15 be placed in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration in this regard is earnestly solicited.

In the event that any issues remain following entry of this Response, Applicants' attorney respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. Applicants ask that all correspondence related to this matter continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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